

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2013 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Mr M Rollé (Chairman), Mr T Abbott, Mr G Bisson, Mr P Boyes, Mrs A Butcher, Mr L Cornell, Mr K Kaljura, Mrs A Trend and Mrs P Wyeth.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston

In attendance: Press representative
3 members of the public
County Councillor K Mans

167. Public Participation

Mrs Croucher, a resident who lived in Cedar Mount, said she had read with interest Clerk's Corner regarding the steps the Parish Council were taking to deal with speeding traffic around the village but would like to see traffic slowed down in Shrubbs Hill Road. The Chairman explained that the Parish Council had ordered a SID to be used by the Community Speedwatch Team and would also like to purchase other SIDs that could be mounted on a permanent basis around the village. However, in order to do this permission had to be obtained from HCC and this had not been forthcoming to date. However, the Parish Council did recognise the importance of the problem and would persevere with their request.

168. Disclosures of Interest

None.

169. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs H Klaassen and Mr J Charlesworth.

170. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 12 February 2013, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

171. Matters Arising

None.

172. Community Speedwatch and Traffic Calming Measures

This Agenda item had been covered in Minute 167 Public Participation, other than to reiterate that the Parish Council was very disappointed in the response received from Hampshire County Council but would endeavour to provide static SIDs within the village and hoped that County Councillor Mans would be able to assist in this matter. HCC had intimated that it would not be possible to provide flashing chevron signage on the A35 at Swan Green.

The subject of the safe crossing that had been promised by County Councillor Kendal was raised as it had yet to be installed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Councillor Kendal to enquire when the island would be installed.

173. Correspondence

Email from Allan Ellis, NFDC – This email was a follow-up to the meeting between Mr Boyes and Mr Ellis concerning the possibility of the Parish Council erecting a further Welcome to Lyndhurst sign on Southampton Road. Mr Ellis had stated that it would not, in his opinion, be possible to site the sign as thought preferable by the Parish Council. However he did state that HCC might have a different view.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact HCC with a view to a site meeting to further discuss this matter.

174. Minutes of Committee Meetings

The Minutes of Committee Meeting held since the date of the last meeting were confirmed as follows:

Planning Committee – 26 February 2013

175. County Councillor's Report

Councillor Mans reported that Council Tax would remain the same and would hopefully be the same in the following financial year as well, although this would be subject to the Government grant being forthcoming. He stated that he had £1,000,000 allocated in his portfolio for items that will reduce running costs in community centres or buildings for wider community use. This money would be forthcoming from approximately the end of May. £100,000 was also available to mark the outbreak of World War 1 in 2014. Potholes were gradually being repaired and the devolved budget included extra money for highways.

It was noted that the cycle track between Ashurst and Lyndhurst was in urgent need of repair.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to HCC to request urgent action.

176. District Councillor's Report

Mrs Wyeth stated that she had nothing to report at this stage as all matters would be covered in her report at the Annual Parish Meeting the following week although she would be unable to comment on the air quality results as these were not available yet.

RESOLVED: That NFDC be invited to attend a Parish Council meeting when the air quality results became available.

177. Accounts

- (a) The Clerk submitted accounts which had become due for payment since the date of the last meeting, as detailed in Appendix A and these were approved.
- (b) The Clerk submitted details of spending for the period 1 April 2012 to 12 March 2013.

178. Marking the Anniversary of the Outbreak of World War 1

Mrs Trend said that other parishes (eg Copythorne, Brockenhurst and Minstead) were marking the 100 year anniversary of World War 1 in 2014 in some way. This included a book naming those

who had given their lives and giving details about them “We Will Remember Them”. An exhibition would take place at the New Forest Centre. Mrs Trend put forward the idea of a brass band concert. It might be possible to commemorate the Christmas Truce in 2014 with a Church Service. It was thought important to liaise with the newly formed section of the Royal British Legion and Mr Wiltshire agreed that this would be a possibility.

179. The Australian Connection – Arthur Phillip

Mrs Trend reported that she had spoken to Hilary Marshall at the New Forest Centre and felt that wine and cheese refreshments at a talk given by Bev Major on Australia Day (January 26) would be appropriate. Mrs Wyeth asked how this would be funded and it was established that this would have to be planned.

The Chairman said it was likely that Committees would have to be formed for this and the previous Minute (178) and that they would also involve members of the community.

180. Picnic in the Park 2013

In the absence of Mrs Klaassen, the Clerk outlined arrangements made so far. She asked if Councillors would be prepared to assist in manning the entrance gate as she thought it would be preferable if the Parish Council maintained control at this point.

181. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Mr Abbott had attended a meeting of the New Forest Consultative Panel. The Deputy Surveyor had given a report on the Government’s response to the Independent Report on Forestry. James Brown, NFNPA had given a report. The trench reinstatement programme had been mentioned and it was noted that the layby at Pilley had been reinstated.

182. Traffic Problems in Lyndhurst

It was noted that the verges have been badly eroded by vehicles parking on them on the Southampton Road and Goose Green.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact HCC asking that remedial action be taken and bollards installed as appropriate.

It was noted that it was no longer considered appropriate to place a seat on the pavement in front of the Meridien Garage and that the cost was likely to be high. However, the Clerk would contact Mr Humphries to make him aware of these facts.

There was a redundant red sign at the exit to the car park and the Clerk would contact HCC to ask for its removal.

The Clerk would alert HCC to the fact that the solar panel on the bollard by Racecourse View was facing north and therefore was not working.

The Clerk would alert HCC to the fact that when Southern Electric had carried out remedial work on the A35 adjacent to Knightwood Avenue they had not reinstated the area satisfactorily.

Mrs Trend asked if Councillors could look round the village and see where there were gaps now that the bulbs were starting to flower.

The Clerk was asked to ascertain when HCC would be undertaking work to the High Street.

183. Annual Parish Meeting 2013

RESOLVED: That the Chairman give his report before Committee Reports. He would also give Mr Cornell the opportunity to say a few words about the public transport leaflet he had produced.

184. Dates of Future Committee Meetings

Planning Committee – 26 March 2013.

Amenities Committee – 28 March 2013.

185. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Items brought forward from the March Agenda and meeting.

Any items brought to the attention of the Clerk by 1 April 2013.

Remembrance Sunday arrangements re Lyndhurst Branch of the Royal British Legion.

Chairman _____

Date _____

APPENDIX A

Accounts due for payment:

	Amount	VAT	Total
Mrs M Weston			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	1610.37		1610.37
Hampshire Probation Trust			
Cemetery Maintenance	70.00		70.00
Lyndhurst & District Community Association			
Planning Committee meeting	21.50		
Picnic in the Park meeting	21.50		
Total			£43.00
HMRC			
IT & NI contributions	1020.38		1020.38
Mr K Bennett			
Cemetery Maintenance	512.00		512.00
Total	3255.75		3255.75

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It was considered that a decision should eventually be taken as to whether the Parish Council went forward with a Neighbourhood Plan or Design Statement. In order to make this decision the best way forward would be invite a representative from the NFNPA to give guidance on the implications involved in this decision.

It was considered that it might be more constructive to give consideration to three main sites, namely the Lyndhurst Park Hotel, Beechen Lane and the Police Station at Pikes Hill.

Suggestions at the Lyndhurst Park Hotel had included a hotel, assisted living, a small supermarket, a maximum of ten affordable units of housing. Any changes would need to enhance the village.

With regards to Beechen Lane the grazing area and the offices would remain. A suggestion had come forward for 50 affordable units of housing but it was agreed that only thirty would be acceptable.

Regarding the Police Station at Pikes Hill it was understood that this may be developed and it was suggested that market housing would be appropriate.

Coopers Yard was also mentioned and it was thought that small unit shops would be appropriate.

RESOLVED: That an officer from NFNPA be invited to attend the June meeting of the Parish Council to give information on the way forward as regard a Neighbourhood Plan or Design Statement.